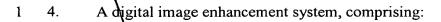
CLAIMS

Therefore, having thus described the invention, at least the following is claimed:



- 1. A digital image routing system, comprising:
- 2 means for receiving a digital image packet that includes a digital image and a
- 3 customer preference parameter; and
- 4 means for transmitting the digital image packet to a remote digital image
- 5 editing system selected according to the customer preference parameter.
- 1 2. The digital image routing system of claim 1, further comprising:
- 2 means for enhancing the a digital image based on the customer preference
- 3 parameter; and
- 4 means for transmitting an exhanced digital image packet that includes a
- 5 enhanced digital image and an enhancement description packet that describes the
- 6 enhancements made for each of the digital images.
- 1 3. The digital image routing system of claim 2, wherein the means for enhancing
- 2 the digital image, includes means for automatically enhancing the digital image based
- 3 on the customer preference parameter.



- 2 means for receiving a digital image packet that includes a digital image and a
- 3 customer preference parameter;
- 4 means for enhancing the digital image based on the customer preference
- 5 parameter; and
- 6 means for transmitting an enhanced digital image packet that includes an
- 7 enhanced digital image and an enhancement description packet that describes the
- 8 enhancements made for each of the digital images.
- 1 5. The digital image enhancement system of claim 4, wherein the means
- 2 for enhancing the digital image, includes means for automatically enhancing the
- digital image based on the customer preference parameter.
- 1 6. The digital image enhancement system of claim 4, further comprising:
- 2 means for transmitting the digital image packet to a remote digital image
- 3 editing system selected according to the customer preference parameter.

- 1 7. A digital image routing method, comprising the steps of:
- 2 receiving a digital image packet that includes a digital image and a customer
- 3 preference parameter; and
- 4 transmitting the digital image packet to a remote digital image editing system
- 5 selected according to the customer preference parameter.
- 1 8. The digital image routing method of claim 7, further comprising the steps of:
- 2 enhancing the digital image based on the customer preference parameter; and
- 3 transmitting an enhanced digital image packet that includes an enhanced
- 4 digital image and an enhancement description packet that describes the enhancements
- 5 made for each of the digital images.
- 1 9. The digital image routing method of claim 7, wherein the step of enhancing
- 2 the a digital image, includes enhancing the digital image automatically based upon the
- 3 customer preference parameter.
- 1 10. The digital image routing method of claim 7, further comprising the step of
- 2 enhancing the digital image automatically using an automatic digital image
- 3 enhancement system.
- 1 11. The digital image routing method of claim\10, further including the steps of:
- 2 storing an enhancement performed on a previous digital image;
- analyzing the enhancement performed on the previous digital image; and
- 4 establishing the enhancement parameter to be used by the automatic digital
- 5 image enhancement system to automatically enhance the digital image.

- 1 12. A digital image enhancement method, comprising the steps of:
- 2 receiving a digital image packet that includes a digital image and a customer
- 3 preference parameter;
- 4 enhancing the digital image based on the customer preference parameter; and
- 5 transmitting an enhanced digital image packet that includes an enhanced
- 6 digital image and an enhancement description packet that describes the enhancements
- 7 made for each of the digital images.
- 1 13. The digital image enhancement method of claim 12, wherein the step of
- 2 enhancing the digital image, includes enhancing the digital image automatically based
- 3 upon the customer preference parameter.
- 1 14. The digital image enhancement method of claim 12, further comprising the
- 2 step of enhancing the digital image automatically using an automatic digital image
- 3 enhancement system.
- 1 15. The digital image enhancement method of claim 14, further comprises the
- 2 steps of:
- storing an enhancement performed on a previous digital image;
- 4 analyzing the enhancement performed on the previous digital image; and
- establishing the enhancement parameter to be used by the automatic digital
- 6 image enhancement system to automatically enhance the digital image.

- 1 16. The digital image enhancement method of claim 12, further comprising the
- 2 steps of:
- 3 transmitting the digital image packet to a remote digital image editing
- 4 system selected according to the customer preference parameter.